

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

BLAKE LIVELY,

Plaintiff,

-v-

WAYFARER STUDIOS LLC, JUSTIN  
BALDONI, JAMEY HEATH, STEVE  
SAROWITZ, IT ENDS WITH US MOVIE LLC,  
MELISSA NATHAN, THE AGENCY GROUP PR  
LLC, JENNIFER ABEL, JED WALLACE, and  
STREET RELATIONS INC.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:24-cv-10049-LJL  
(consolidated with 1:25-cv-00449-LJL)

JENNIFER ABEL,

Third-Party Plaintiff,

-v-

JONESWORKS LLC,

Third-Party Defendant.

WAYFARER STUDIOS LLC, JUSTIN  
BALDONI, JAMEY HEATH, IT ENDS WITH US  
MOVIE LLC, MELISSA NATHAN, JENNIFER  
ABEL, and STEVE SAROWITZ,

Consolidated Plaintiffs,

-v-

BLAKE LIVELY, RYAN REYNOLDS, LESLIE  
SLOANE, VISION PR, INC., and THE NEW  
YORK TIMES COMPANY.

Consolidated Defendants.

**DECLARATION OF KRISTIN E. BENDER IN SUPPORT OF BLAKE LIVELY'S  
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SERVE THIRD PARTY DERVLA MCNEICE BY  
ALTERNATIVE SERVICE**

I, Kristin E. Bender, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney admitted to practice before this Court, a partner in the law firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, 1875 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, and counsel of record for Blake Lively in the above-captioned action.

2. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of Ms. Lively's Motion for Leave to Serve Third-Party Dervla Mcneice by Alternative Service.

3. I have no reason to believe that Ms. Mcneice has retained counsel in connection with this action that could accept service on behalf of Ms. Mcneice. On June 19, 2025, I sent counsel for the Wayfarer Parties the notice of intent to service Ms. Mcneice's subpoena, and on July 10, 2025, I emailed counsel for Katherine Case and Breanna Butler Koslow (former and current TAG employees represented in connection with this case) and no acceptance of service was provided in response. I additionally emailed counsel for the Wayfarer Parties on July 10, 2025, and was informed that they do not represent Ms. Mcneice and could not accept service. *See* ECF No. 410-1 at 2.

4. In researching appropriate means of alternative service for Ms. Mcneice, my team identified the email address [dervmcneice@gmail.com](mailto:dervmcneice@gmail.com) publicly available at the website [about.me/dervla](https://about.me/dervla).

5. I also submit this declaration to place before the Court true and correct copies of the following documents.

6. A true and correct copy of JW0002209, dated January 8, 2024, is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

7. A true and correct copy of private process server Bonita Haller's Affidavit of Due Diligence, dated July 3, 2025 is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

8. A true and correct copy of private process server Erick Salas's Affidavit of Due Diligence, dated July 3, 2025 is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: July 18, 2025

/s/ Kristin E. Bender

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